

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-37 are pending.

Claims 23-29 and 35 are under review, while claims 1-9, 11-15, 17, 20-22, 30-34 and 36-37 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 10, 16, and 18 have been canceled.

Claims 23-29 and 35 stand rejected. Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

By this amendment, claims 38, 39 and 40 have been added. No new matter is presented by the claim amendments. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification. For example, in the original specification at page 36 regarding figures 15A and 15B.

Rejection of 23-29 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

In the Office Action at item 2, claims 23-29 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,408,232 to Cannon et al. (hereafter referred to as Cannon). This ground for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 23

Claim 23 is directed to a method of servicing a vehicle, and recites "selecting, by said user, from within said vehicle one or more of said displayed at least one of vehicle service recommendations or vehicle replacement part recommendations." That is, the selection of recommendations is from within the vehicle.

Cannon Reference

Cannon discloses wireless piconet access to vehicle operational statistics. In Cannon, the selection of vehicle data to be tracked is done at the "owner's **home** computer (or laptop) and [is] consequentially transmitted to the vehicle computer using a wireless piconet protocol." (Cannon at column 6, lines 38-43; emphasis added.) Moreover, Cannon explicitly discloses that "the piconet may include non-vehicle related processors" and terms such processors, for example, "the user's **home computer**." (Cannon at column 6, lines 12-13; emphasis added.)

Thus, the home computer is not related to the vehicle (i.e., is not within the vehicle) and, furthermore, such selection which is transmitted to the vehicle computer does not occur from within the vehicle.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 23 patentably distinguishes over the cited art of Cannon for the above mentioned reasons and is allowable.

Independent claim 26, which includes similar features to the above-mentioned features in claim 23, should also be allowable for at least similar reasons to those of claim 23.

Dependent claims 24-25, 27-29 and 35

Dependent claims 24-25, 27-29 and 35 each include all of the features of the respective independent claims from which they ultimately depend. Thus, Applicant contends that these claims are also allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

New claims 38-40

New claims 38-40 include patentable features beyond those of claim 23 from which they depend. For example, claim 38 includes a confirmation step, claim 39 includes an allocation step, and claim 40 includes an external to the vehicle selection reception step, none of which are present in Cannon.

Consideration and approval of these claims is respectfully requested.

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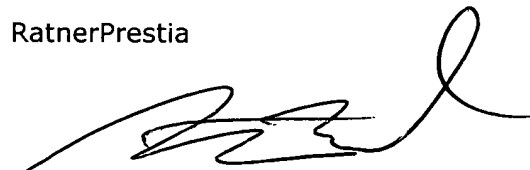
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Conclusion

In view of the amendments, new claims and remarks set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 23-29, 35 and 38-40 are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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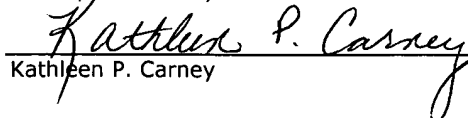
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